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**Blanshard Anti-Irish Book Slips On Fact, Says Critic**

Chicago — (NC) — "On question of fact, apart altogether from unwarranted inferences, Mr. Blanshard could be tripped up on every page."

Thus does John D. Sheridan, author and editor of the Irish School Weekly, attack the veracity of Paul Blanshard's allegedly "carefully documented, first-hand study," "The Irish and Catholic Power."

The review, appearing in the magazine "Books On Trial," states that Mr. Blanshard's object in writing the book is to let "Americans know, taking Ireland as a yardstick, what they may expect if the black night of Vatican domination should ever come upon them."

MR. SHERIDAN points out that "Mr. Blanshard's trump cards are divorce, birth control, censorship and education. But on question of fact," Mr. Blanshard

**Early Irish Poems Praising Virgin Found In Dublin**

Dublin — (RNS) — A rare Gaelic manuscript containing what are believed to be copies of the earliest poems praising the Blessed Virgin in a vernacular language of Europe has been discovered here.

Professor James Carney of the Irish Institute for Advanced Studies made the discovery in Ireland's National Library.

The manuscript is a seventeenth century one, but material in it dates from the seventh and eighth centuries.

It contains 142 pages, 20 of which are devoted to three poems in Gaelic. The first of these is a fifty stanza poem dealing with the boyhood of Christ, while the second of ten stanzas and third of 150 stanzas are in praise of the Blessed Virgin.

Prof. Carney made the discovery while examining the Phillips collection of manuscripts purchased by the library about 20 years ago.

"The most important thing about the poems to the Blessed Virgin," he said, "is that we know the man who wrote them. He was Blathmac Mac Con Brethan, who lived in County Monaghan about the year 750."

**'Christ In Christmas' Campaign Reported Success In Britain**

By MICHAEL DEBRICK  
(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

London — (NC) — Among the posters on billboards all over Britain this Christmas are 6,000 which carry no advertising at all.

These are pictures of the scene at Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day. They serve as a constant reminder, among all the bustle and glitter, of the real meaning of Christmas.

Even among the lavish displays in the windows of Britain's big stores may be found a window that is given over to something quite different — the Christmas crib.

CREDIT FOR ALL these efforts to "keep Christ in Christmas" belongs to Catholic Action.

It was in 1950 that a group of London Catholic laymen, with little money but a great deal of faith, opened their campaign to keep the Infant Christ constant before the eyes of the people of Britain during the Christmas season.

For that first Christmas they ordered 1,000 large posters depicting the Nativity. With the cooperation of advertising agents and billposters, the posters were prominently displayed all over the country.

At the same time, the Catholic Actionists urged the manufacturers of Christmas cards to print more cards with a religious theme, and asked the shopkeepers to display the Crib.

THE RESPONSE far exceeded their expectations.

Not only Catholics, but Christians of all denominations expressed warm appreciation and offered practical support for a similar campaign during the following Christmas season. A well-known artist, Miss Doris Zinkensen, not herself a Catholic, specially painted and presented to the campaign a Nativity picture which has since become internationally famous. At Christmas, 1951, there were 6,000 reproductions of it on billboards in Britain.

The next year the effort was intensified. Miss Zinkensen's Nativity scene reappeared on the billboards and no fewer than 30,000 smaller reproductions of it were printed for use on notice boards and garden walls and in the windows of houses.

These reproductions found their way also into thousands of shop windows, railway stations, hospital wards, factories and canteens. The number of cribs publicly displayed was increased and they were also shown in some

**Young TV Actress On Catholic Shows Received Into Church**

San Francisco — (NC) — One of the veterans of the archdiocesan television shows, Faith of Our Fathers and Question Mark, was received into the Church here on the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

YVONNE MARTIN, 24, graduate of the University of California, traced her interest in the Church to the influence of Catholic fellow students in college and a group of Catholic girls with whom she roomed after graduation.

Introduced by one of her former mates to Father Daniel Lynch, producer of the Faith shows, Miss Martin earned a featured spot on the TV cast, reading passages from the Bible. Later she became secretary to Father Mark Murray on "Question Mark," a television and radio program on the lives of Catholics.

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**Archbishop Urges Donation Of Eyes**

New Orleans — (NC) — An appeal for eyes of dead persons for corneal grafting was made by Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans in a letter to the clergy of the Archdiocese.

The Archbishop asked the priests to encourage members of families "most sympathetically" to contribute to New Orleans' Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital the eyes of deceased relatives in order to restore vision to others.

"I am confident that such a service is an outstanding act of Christian charity that will bring great consolation to the beneficiaries and an abundant reward at the hands of our Divine Savior, Who included the restoration of human vision among the outward evidences of His sacred mission," Archbishop Rummel stated.

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**FISHING CONTEST**

HERE'S the News you have been waiting for! The Grand Prize Winners for 1953. These are the thirty-nine anglers, out of the 210 monthly prize winners, who caught the three largest fish in each classification. Congratulations to the winners—and we look forward to the entries of all fishermen in the 1954 contest, which will begin in April, 1954.

**Grand-Prize Winners for 1953**

<b>BROWN TROUT</b>	Albert C. Miles Saxter Meyer Francis J. Sinner	Conland Elmer Conroy	16 lbs. 1 oz. 12 lbs. 12 oz. 11 lbs.
<b>BROOK TROUT</b>	Raymond Burgess Levard E. Smith Domestico Amadio	Fredonia Rockwell L. Uca	6 lbs. 8 oz. 4 lbs. 9 oz. 5 lbs. 9 oz.
<b>RAINBOW TROUT</b>	R. Andrew Johnson Ernest T. Olson Levard Alra	Elmira Elmira Elmira	16 lbs. 4 oz. 14 lbs. 4 oz. 13 lbs. 4 oz.
<b>LAKE TROUT</b>	Frank G. Gebhardt A. Glenn Bristow Carl Mrozinski	Old Forge Dorson Dorson	31 lbs. 10 oz. 17 lbs. 17 lbs.
<b>NORTHERN BIE</b>	David R. Wood Mr. Frederic Wurzburg Domestico Dagamine David Grant	Albany Fauz Schneidstadt W. Albany	22 lbs. 4 oz. 19 lbs. 17 lbs. 4 oz. 17 lbs. 4 oz.
<b>WALLEYED PIFE</b>	Albert Hall Thomas H. Lindsay James McCarran	East Sea Bruce Rockwell	13 lbs. 4 oz. 11 lbs. 4 oz. 11 lbs. 4 oz.
<b>PICKEREL</b>	John A. Narecky John E. Miller William Klausberg Donald L. Lander Herta Kovacs	Schneidstadt Middleton Harrville Blenheimton Farmington	7 lbs. 4 oz. 5 lbs. 4 oz. 5 lbs. 4 oz. 5 lbs. 4 oz. 5 lbs. 4 oz.
<b>ROCK BASS</b>	Fredrick Gilart Floyd Bunch Thomas H. Fisher	Buffalo Syracuse Medina	4 lbs. 11 oz. 3 lbs. 1 oz. 3 lbs. 2 oz.
<b>PERCH</b>	Harold H. Deary, Jr. Otto Swanson George C. Harrison	Oakfield Medina Elmira	9 lbs. 4 oz. 3 lbs. 1 oz. 3 lbs. 1 oz.
<b>Small Mouth BASS</b>	Jack Springer Charles R. Clark Carl W. Wilson	Hudson Falls Corning Averill Park	7 lbs. 10 oz. 7 lbs. 10 oz. 7 lbs. 10 oz.
<b>Large Mouth BASS</b>	William P. Farrell Leroy W. Gilreese Herbert Quinn	Syracuse Rockwell Troy	9 lbs. 7 1/2 oz. 8 lbs. 14 oz. 8 lbs. 9 oz.
<b>MUSKIE-LONGH</b>	Dr. Howard Pabel Alex E. Kite Alvin O. Bining	Syracuse Middleton North Syracuse	42 lbs. 11 oz. 42 lbs. 11 oz. 41 lbs. 8 oz.

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**Catholic Girls Push Demand For 'Marilyke' Dresses**

Bartlesville, Ill. — (NC) — Thousands of Catholic girls all over the country are demanding of clothiers "Marilyke" modest dresses as the Marilyke contest of the Purity Crusade of Mary Immaculate moves into its last days.

The nationwide contest, which started October 7 and will end December 23 is designed to extend the use of the "Marilyke" tag, heretofore restricted to bridal gowns and formal, to include other types of dresses and to popularize the tag over the entire nation.

Many clothing stores and factories are being swamped with requests to adopt the Marilyke tag in their establishments. The tag, attached to the dresses displayed in the store, is the patron's guarantee that the garment is modest, Mary-like.

From coast to coast girls are entering clothing stores to ask for dresses with a Marilyke tag. If the girls cannot yet secure a they ask for dresses that meet the "Marilyke" standards of modesty.

**Saarland Issues St. Benedict Stamp**

Saarbruecken — (RNS) — A special stamp honoring St. Benedict will be issued before Christmas by the Saarland Post Office. It was announced here.

The 30-franc stamp will carry a surcharge of 10 francs, revenue from which will aid reconstruction of the Tholey Benedictine Abbey.

The picture on the stamp depicting the saint is from a fresco in the famed Monte Cassino Abbey in Italy.

**Marian Housing Project Started**

Bologna, Italy — (RNS) — The first stone of a housing project to be built for engaged couples unable to marry because of the housing shortage was blessed here by Giacomo Cardinal Lerario, Archbishop of Bologna.

The project, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, will be named "The Village of Mary Immaculate," in honor of the 1954 Marian Year.

Great days coming—the time is nigh to double and triple the family supply!

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